

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Chief Financial Officer**

Natwar M. Gandhi  
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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Linda W. Cropp  
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer

**DATE:** June 28, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Food Regulation Act of 2001"

**REFERENCE:** Bill Number 14-154 as Introduced

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan because no additional staff or resources will be required. The proposed legislation will have no impact on local General Fund revenue.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would authorize the Mayor instead of the Council of the District of Columbia to promulgate rules with respect to food and food service establishments. Rule-making authority would include standards for employee food safety practices, employee training, regulation of food sources, food preparation, food holding temperatures, and sanitary protection. The proposed legislation would also authorize the Mayor to establish new administrative and civil remedies as well as criminal penalties.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2002 through FY 2005 budget and financial plan. No additional staff or resources will be required to implement the provisions of the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation simply moves the authority to regulate from the Council of the District of Columbia to the Mayor. In the future, food regulations, fines and fees will be set by the Mayor. Activities required by the proposed legislation will be performed by existing Department of Health staff.